

House Resolution No. 2484

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Helen Weiss of St. Louis, Missouri, who was honored during the Twenty-Second Annual Virginia Betts White Quest Awards banquet on April 26, 2003, at The Junior League of St. Louis; and

Whereas, the Virginia Betts White Quest Award honors the memory of a member of the St. Louis Chapter of Missouri Press Women, a leader in the profession of communications in the St. Louis area for more than forty years; and

Whereas, through the Quest Award, the St. Louis Chapter of Missouri Press Women singles out for special recognition communicators whose performances reflect an enduring quest for the highest standards of professional ethics and excellence; and

Whereas, Helen Weiss, Divisional Vice President of Famous-Barr, represents forty-three stores in the states of Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa; and

Whereas, at Famous-Barr, Helen Weiss and the late Joan Van de Erve initiated promotions which introduced St. Louis residents to many cultures and crafts, and produced the first major July 4th celebration on the riverfront from 1964 to 1978, which was the forerunner of the present Fair St. Louis; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of many awards and honors, including the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club Sheer Elegance award, National Society of Fund Raising Executives Spirit of Philanthropy award, and the Eastern Missouri ACLU Leadership in Civil Liberties Award, Helen Weiss has had a long association with the Book Fair, which benefits the Nursery Foundation, and was instrumental in bringing the Book Fair to Famous-Barr; and

Whereas, a graduate of Washington University, Helen Weiss has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of her dear husband, the late Richard Weiss, a producer and reporter for KSDK-TV; her daughter, Jean, a program manager for Fair Isaac and Company; and her son, Dick, the deputy metro editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Helen Weiss at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who know and love her; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Helen Weiss, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2484, adopted May 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker